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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH : Acting Chief, Development Projects Division, DD/P 0-8

SUBJECT : Discoverer Meeting

1. Dr. Charyk, General Curtin, and I discussed several items pertinent to the Discoverer program yesterday in Dr. Charyk's office.

2. The firing schedule as proposed by BMD in their message 1533 (IN 40313), 22 December, was agreed upon. This new schedule differs from that proposed in Dr. Charyk's memo to you of 10 December 1960 in that overall about one month slippage is present between January and May in all shots due to pad turn around time and pad modifications. The Charyk schedule is essentially regained by June and held thereafter as follows:

January 1961	1 ANDON	
February 1961	1 BM	
March 1961	1 CORONA	1 ANDON
April 1961	1 CORONA	
May 1961	2 CORONA	
June 1961	1 CORONA	1 ANDON
July 1961	1 CORONA	1 ANDON
August 1961	2 CORONA	1 ANDON
September 1961	1 CORONA	1 ANDON
October 1961	2 CORONA	



3. The Bio shot (1025) is not now scheduled firmly. General Curtin will instruct BMD to prepare this payload for firing in March in place of the 2nd ANDON engineering flight with final decision to be made after the 1st ANDON shot has been made in January. If the 2nd ANDON shot is required due to failure of the 1st, the Bio payload will slip to end of the program.

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5. Dr. Charyk is aware that there are arguments for and against surfacing the ARCON program as a cover for CORONA and that any such decision would need be made in line with an expression of policy from the new Administration.

6. A meeting will be scheduled within the next two weeks to discuss the LMSD stereo C*** proposal. A one shot demonstration is estimated at [] by LMSD although they seem to have had a minimum of input from ITEX on the subject.

7. The benefits expected are: earlier learning period for photo interpreters to prepare for E-6; insurance against catastrophe in E-6 program. Against these are: high cost; one shot risk; engineering uncertainties to do the job within a reasonable time prior to E-6.

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